

Arkansas

Broiler Hatchery

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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 1 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending December 16, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but up 4 percent from the previous week, and included 3.4 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.9 million, down 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

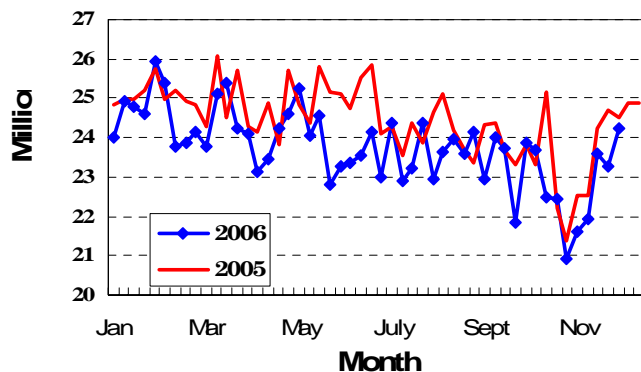
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 16, 2006, down 5 percent from the same period last year, but up 4 percent the previous week.

Week Ending ¹	Chicks Placed			Chicks Hatched			Eggs Set		
	2005	2006	% of Prev. Year	2005	2006	% of Prev. Year	2005	2006	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Nov. 11	21,377	20,938	98	23,544	22,883	97	30,837	29,669	96
Nov. 18	22,543	21,612	96	23,247	22,376	96	31,020	29,771	96
Nov. 25	22,533	21,931	97	23,954	22,944	96	31,076	30,100*	97
Dec. 2	24,258	23,607	97	25,482	24,442	96	31,213	29,594	95
Dec. 9	24,691	23,250*	94	25,636	24,702*	96	31,224	28,614	92
Dec. 16	24,511	24,249	99	25,802	24,934	97	31,451	29,789	95

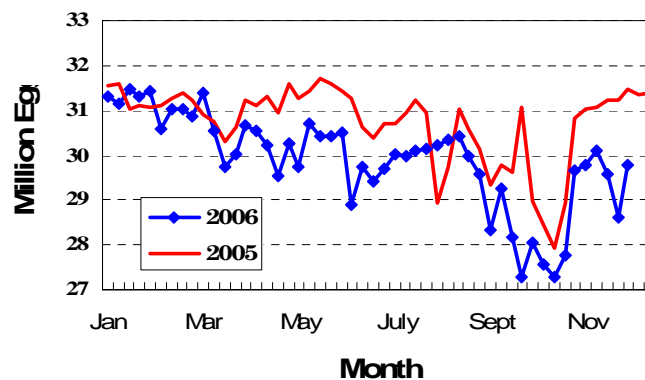
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised in current week

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2005-2006



Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2005 - 2006



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, November 18 - December 9, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	18-Nov	25-Nov	2-Dec	9-Dec	16-Dec	% 1/	18-Nov	25-Nov	2-Dec	9-Dec	16-Dec	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	30,348 *	30,220 *	31,106	30,593 *	30,327	96	17,285	18,602	20,721	19,686 *	20,024	91
Arkansas	29,771	30,100 *	29,594	28,614	29,789	95	21,612	21,931	23,607	23,250 *	24,249	99
Delaware	3,830	3,837	3,943	3,963 *	3,913	96	4,182	5,070	4,941	5,287 *	4,366	75
Florida	1,354	1,336 *	1,164	1,356	1,353	99	1,209	1,439	1,194	1,484	1,685	114
Georgia	34,926	35,216 *	35,298	34,244 *	35,819	104	26,482	26,483	26,515	28,138	28,590	104
Kentucky	7,646	7,541 *	7,472	6,698	7,465	105	6,503	5,366	5,717	6,174	5,922	99
Louisiana	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,742	90	3,365	3,768	3,445	3,635	3,606	89
Maryland	8,616	8,609	8,495	8,482	8,531	95	6,012	5,972	5,340	5,761 *	6,675	119
Mississippi	17,599	18,123	17,007	17,147	17,960	97	12,830	15,453	15,302	15,762	16,075	97
N. Carolina	18,810	18,540 *	18,605	18,660	19,039	100	14,682	15,437	15,586	15,496	15,454	99
Oklahoma	6,573	6,403	6,449	6,447	6,177	93	4,820	3,948	4,805	5,424	4,180	90
Pennsylvania	3,999	4,124 *	4,023 *	3,919 *	3,943	104	2,589	2,828 *	2,846 *	2,897 *	3,012	106
S. Carolina	5,487	5,384	5,574	5,471	5,530	105	4,340	3,966	4,998	4,578	4,521	99
Texas	14,328	14,326	14,309	14,080	14,138	93	10,666	11,606	11,670	12,142	12,085	94
Virginia	6,277	6,223	6,399	5,959 *	6,075	96	4,808	4,057	5,017	4,776 *	5,186	109
CA,MO,TN & WV	17,919 *	17,967	17,606	17,863 *	17,678	100	15,114	16,268	16,374 *	17,163 *	16,350	97
19 State Total	211,195 *	211,661 *	210,756 *	207,208 *	211,479		156,499	162,194 *	168,078 *	171,653 *	171,980	
Prev. Year Total	212,945	215,393	214,156	213,249	215,686		162,967	169,218	171,991	173,392	175,810	
% of Prev. Year	99	98	98	97	98		96	96	98	99	98	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/							6-Jan	13-Jan	20-Jan	27-Jan	3-Feb	

* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Broiler Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 16, 2006. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 16, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through December 16, 2006 were 8.61 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.